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MURDER MOST MANIC



Kate Belsey shone as Mavis who bumped off her new husband Michael Munn, who played Edgar in the opening scene, only for him to reappear later (the bullets were blank) in his original persona and as a police constable investigating the 'murder'.

Hot on the trail was Inspector James Crandall, a Columbo-type character played by Joe Barrett who finds Mavis (his lover) more than a match as she weaves her web of lies and deception.

The presence of the "larger than life" housekeeper Lottie Molloy, a cheeky portrayal by Janice Macmillan, and effervescent sweethearts Susan Hollister and Barry Draper (Hannah Carpenter and Kevin Roychowdhury) added spice to the proceedings.

The "class acts" in this sparkling production were Kate with her lovely facial expressions, comic timing and zest and her cousin Hannah as the scatter brained Susan, were a joy to watch.

Michael Munn, deadpan and droll in his dual roles of Edgar Hollister and PC Abel Howard, is to be commended, first for keeping his impressive barnet and moustache in place during the goings on, and for remembering which character he was actually playing.

There was never a dull moment in *The Murder Room* which, with its intrigue, suspicion, lashings of comedy, suggestion of murder and madcap goings on, kept the audience entertained.

Secret drawers, hidden stairways, a cleverly constructed popping up window seat operated from a coathook on the wall, and appropriate sound effects and dramatic music were all key ingredients.

The comic game of cat and mouse was resolved in a frenetic finale in which Mavis realises that it's Edgar that she really loves - or does she? As the curtain closes, the two are seen sharing a nightcap and, with a mischievous grin at the audience, Mavis urges Edgar to "drink your cocoa, dear" ... potassium cyanide anyone?

With director Jane Lindekam bringing out the best from her performers and a production team made up of John Kirby (stage manager), Paul Norris (sound) and Bill Horne (lighting) lending their expertise, not to forget Di and Jan whose culinary skills were evident again during the interval, *The Murder Room* was another winner from the BDG. *Ed*



COMMUNITY ACHEIVEMENT AWARD



Michael joined the Boxford Parish Council in 2007 whilst working full time as a owner/driver running his own haulage business. It was very soon apparent that he was going to be an asset to the council.

He became proactive very quickly in trying to do the best for the parishioners of Boxford. Over the last four years he has completely reinstate a long and wide Bridleway/footpath with the help of a parishioner and his digger. Successfully repairing two major footpaths biannually with his gang of volunteers, saving the parish Council thousands of pounds.

He has also been instrumental in cleaning up the closed and open cemeteries within the village. cutting back weeds, hedges and trees, spraying where necessary to prevent weeds returning, cleaning moss covered paths, planting 600 bulbs and erecting a beautiful seat for the parishioners.meeting the costs of these projects himself. He carries out Health and Safety assessments of all the tombstones within the graveyards and makes arrangements for any repairs.

He can also often be found scrubbing the war memorial back to its former glory and always in time for Remembrance Sunday, this year he will be laying the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Michael has also cleared up a very large disused play area and has also enlisted the help of his good wife who has been of great support to him and we take this opportunity to thank her for this.

He has also been liaising with Suffolk County Council to improve safety in the village with safer parking and passing places in Stone Street. and is aiming to improve the safety of Children going to school by putting a drop and go system in place to free up parking outside the school.

This year Michael was elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, which he truly deserves as he is often approached by many parishioners at all times of the day and night and always does his utmost to help Michael is an enormous supporter of the local village hall. and is a very highly respected councillor and resident of Boxford., Boxford's very own Action Man. He sees, he does and he conquers!

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LtoR : Simon Marchant, Bob Bowdidge,
Jo Marchant, Phillip Rich

FLEECE JAZZ 1000

On Saturday 28th April we will celebrate our 1000th gig with a true jazz superstar. The wonderful and uniquely talented Claire Martin is undoubtedly one of the most popular and finest jazz singers this country has ever produced. Claire was awarded the OBE for services to Jazz Music by HRH Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace on December 14th 2011.

She first appeared at Fleece Jazz in our very early days. She packed out the joint then and has done so on every occasion since when she has been able to accept our invitation to perform. Book early for this very special night.



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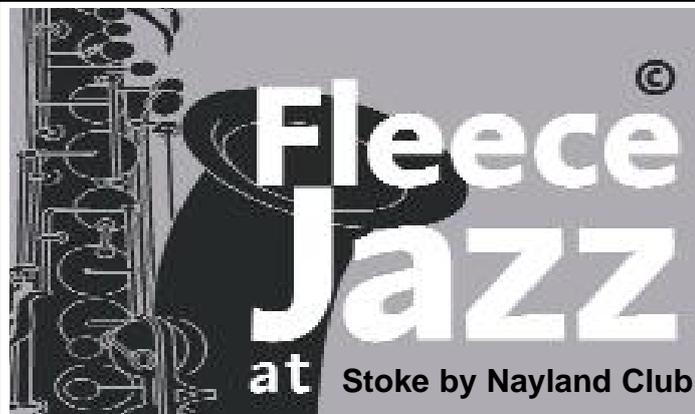
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Claire Martin

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Just a taste of the May 2012 into August 2012 season

Our next season of gigs will be a summer scorcher with a return visit for the fabulous Phronesis, Clark Tracey's Art Blakey Tribute, and the brilliant Barb Jungr.



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To buy tickets for any gig, obtain further information or add your name to the mailing list please telephone the BOX OFFICE:

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THE APRIL LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

As I write this, having sadly just taken one funeral and preparing to take others, I am conscious that it is a difficult time for some in our community, as they say goodbye to precious loved ones. Although we know that death is part of life, it doesn't make it any easier to face the day to day physical and emotional reality of that parting.

The journey we make through Holy Week and Easter, in our services around the benefice, is a journey which recognises all of our human experiences and emotions.

As Jesus is arrested and taken away from his disciples, which we remember at our Maundy Thursday service, both he and they feel fear and foreboding as his inevitable death approaches. At his cruel death, which we remember on Good Friday, the disciples feel grief, desolation and hopelessness about the future.

Dark times, times - for the disciples, for us - when hopes and joy seem buried, never to see the light of day again.

Easter Sunday, though, breaks through like brilliant sunshine, with its unimaginable, heart-stopping promise of new life.



We live in a rural area. We know the bareness of winter fields, the stark outlines of winter trees. But we know too, the yearly cycle of new birth and new growth. Each spring, out of nowhere, tiny bulbs buried in the ground, force their way up into the light to cover the earth with their beauty: snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils. Buried grain, long out of sight, out of mind, suddenly finds the strength, the vigour to push up stalk and leaves, carrying inside it the promise of a fruitful crop to come.

There is a lovely Easter hymn called "Now the green blade riseth" which uses our understanding and experience of the ways of the natural world to help us to believe in, and to grasp hold of for ourselves, the promise of new, life after death – for Jesus, and for us:

*"When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of the earth, that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green."*

This Easter, whether you are rejoicing in a time of joy – perhaps with a new baby, being with your family, enjoying a holiday away – or going through a sad or difficult time – for whatever reason - may God's touch warm your heart and fill you with his love. Blessings, Revd. Judith

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In a tough economic climate and when the Big Agencies are all ? empty The Grove Cottages has kept its owners cottages buzzing along .

Tourism is one of the most important industries to rural Suffolk and success like this helps a multitude of our local shops and businesses.

This is Good News as the company is looking for a handful of interesting new cottages to handle and would be happy to hear from you if you have a wonderful Holiday Cottage Project. Just call Mark on 01787 211 115

In an important further development The Grove Cottages has opened up its in-house guide to Suffolk as a Free Open Blog to promote the Best that Suffolk has to Offer www.thesuffolkguide.co.uk , every entry posted can be 'commented' on or this comment facility can be used as an 'event' calendar for places which have a diary of events. The entries are Completely Free but will be closely vetted for suitability in order to show only the Best and most Interesting things to do and see in Suffolk.

The website automatically calculates the distance of every place entered from the Location the visitor wants to find out about – very clever !

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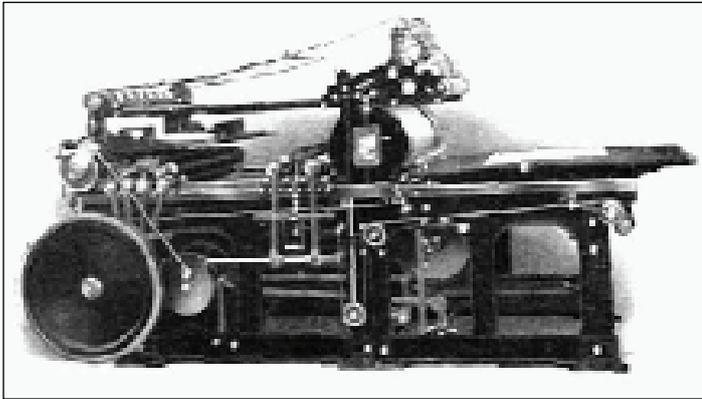
ANOTHER DIAMOND JUBILEE!

This year is not only the Queens Diamond Jubilee in her job but it is also mine.

60 years ago, after pounding the streets of London and knocking on the doors of printers I managed to obtain an apprenticeship as a Printing Machine Manager.

The lucky company to get me was McCorquodale and Co Ltd which at that time was the largest commercial printing group in Europe. I was based at 'The Armoury' in St Thomas Street, Bermondsey, close to Guys Hospital and overlooking London Bridge Station. I was signed up for a 7 year apprenticeship which included my time on National Service in the Royal Air Force. I had left school under a cloud, the headmaster having had other ideas for me but I was determined that printing, a bespoke industry, was for me. Before joining the industry I often travelled into London on a Saturday night to wander around Fleet Street to capture the atmosphere of the 'Sundays' being put to bed. I would watch the presses in the basements through windows at pavement level and smell the printing ink which still gives me a fix whenever I visit our printers in Colchester.

The very first press I ever operated was a Royal Wharfedale stop cylinder press circa 1920 ish (Royal was the paper size not by appointment to the Queen) and to assist me I had what we called a 'Feeder' nowadays called an 'Operative Printing Machine Assistant'. Her name was Nel, she was about 70 years old, very small and a lovely lady to talk with about her years in Bermondsey. She did all the humping around of paper and printing forms and kept the machine and me clean and tidy and made a lovely cup of tea. I just did the clever bits!!



Above: a Royal Wharfedale

After National Service in Singapore and Malaya I managed to win a scholarship as a full time executive student at the London School of Printing and Graphic Arts (now the University of the South Bank), met my future wife, married and went to Nairobi to help the Aga Khan set up a new Newspaper in East Africa and the rest as they say is history.

Today I remain involved with the industry through The Box River News and well remember that in 1959 I designed a Free Newspaper for publication in part of South London. It depended on Advertising to meet it's costs and provided Local News, Sports Reports, What's On etc but everyone told me there was no future in Free Newspapers and printers would not risk my business. Today, 'Freebies' as they are affectionately known, now occupy the biggest section of the annual Press Directory.

Zinnia Garden Design

Zinnia Garden Design is run by Angela Tolputt and is based in Boxford. Angela has garden design and horticultural qualifications from Writtle College and Capel Manor and has been practising garden design for over ten years, the last two years from her home in Boxford. She offers a number of services, including the complete garden design package in which she will prepare a plan for the whole of your garden which you may choose to implement in one go, or else in stages. She also offers a border design service, breathing life into tired borders by working with plants that you may already have and adding others which you may not have thought of. You will get colour, year round interest, a range of plant types and textures and plants chosen to suit your garden, your tastes and your soil. You will get a laminated border design drawn to scale, a shopping list of plants, a mood board with pictures of plants included in the design and maintenance notes. In addition, Angela's links with plant nurseries mean that she can obtain the plants and even plant them for you if you wish.

Currently, Angela is offering 10% off the border design service for borders commissioned before 31st August 2012.

Visit Angela's website at www.zinniadesign.co.uk or contact her on 01787 212264 or 07974 375254 to find out more.

APRILBOOK REVIEW

A Place of Greater Safety by Hilary Mantel Jo Marchant

If Hilary Mantel had enjoyed good health she would not have turned to writing as a career. In 1972, in great pain, suffering from an undiagnosed illness, she started research for her first book, *A Place of Greater Safety*. It is about the French Revolution, and it occupied her for five years at the end of which she collapsed with exhaustion. To add to her distress she could not find a publisher. It was shelved and put away as her 'dark secret' for almost twenty years. During this time she wrote four more successful novels, and it was only in a chance interview that Hilary Mantel had to confess to having a secret first book.

So finally, in 1992, this impressive account of the French Revolution was published, and to immediate acclaim. The unravelling of the events of the early revolution in Paris is centred on three men: Robespierre, Desmoulins and Danton. They have come to Paris from the provinces, educated, clever and keen to make a name for themselves. Robespierre is the deep thinker, employing the ideas of the Enlightenment, enigmatic yet frightening in his manner; people do not readily warm to him. Desmoulins is brilliant but amoral and stymied by a serious stutter. Danton is a bluff orator expecting to make his fortune from the revolution; he is the darling of the streets. They interact with a huge supporting cast and Mantel gives us a list of characters at the front of the book to help us.

We learn that this was not a simple case of peasants guillotining nobles, but a complex chain of events accelerated by people careering out of control. This is story of friendship and violence, of ambitious power, of lust and blood lust. We may know how it ends but it is still frightful.

Hilary Mantel is a prize winning author and if you enjoyed *Wolf Hall* you will find this equally enthralling. But be warned, this is a long, long read and you will need that cast list to help you through it.

A Place of Greater Safety is a chilling tale of what happened in Paris two hundred years ago when men rose up to overthrow their masters. It is also a cautionary tale for today, because similar events, and their brutal consequences, are seen on our news screens every day.



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THE MYSTERY OF THE BOXFORD STONES UNRAVELLED” *Roger Loose for The Boxford Society.*

Have you ever wondered about these often large, very hard, weird-looking stones around the village? The one at the end of the Croft opposite the White Hart is the largest and most impressive. It is particularly interesting because it has a bumpy “mamillated” surface, unlike most of the others in Boxford, and it closely resembles a sheep, according to my grandchildren. Next to it, but hidden by plants in this picture, is another smaller, plainer stone of similar origin incorporated into the corner of the building.



There are at least a dozen other similarly hard stones around the village. You can find several in and around Butchers Lane, along Swan Street poking through the pavement, either side of the entrance to Wynne House and at the “pinch” in Stone Street. There used to be one at the end of the bridge next to the Post Office, but it disappeared in 2009 when the bridge was rebuilt. There is though a good example at the other end of the bridge beside the entrance to the Surgery (see photo below). You can currently even see two or three smaller ones in the bed of the river next to the Surgery driveway. Then there is the War Memorial near the Fox and Hounds at Groton and several fine specimens in Groton Street. I am sure there are many more I do not know about in Groton and Edwardstone and possibly in Boxford. If you know of others, please let me know.

How did they get here? Most are too heavy to have been moved very far by man in the past. They would most probably have been dragged to their present locations by horses. They were useful as boundary and waymarkers, horse mounting blocks, protection for the corners of buildings from passing carts and occasionally as foundation stones. In Roman times the stone was used for querns or to grind corn. However, they are reported to be rather unsatisfactory as building material being too hard to shape easily and because they are said to attract the damp.

In past times, large, hard stones were very rare in Suffolk, a county largely covered in Boulder Clay from the ice sheets. Because such stones were rare and unusual, they were often revered or feared and dragged to prominent or significant places. These stones are the subject of myths and legends. They were probably part of pagan worship too, in the very distant past. Records show that they were often thought to be “devil stones” and were deliberately destroyed by fire or explosive. One superstition in Essex was that they “grew” in the soil. They were therefore destroyed in case they blocked rivers or destroyed crops. The County Archives reveal that in Boxford in 1548 “a great stone was removed from the river for use, at the cost of 2d”. (Less than 1 pence in today’s money, but worth a great deal more then.) We do not know what it was used for or where it was placed.

Where did these stones come from? It is often said that they are “erratic” boulders carried by the ice sheets from some distance away. Whilst some may have been moved short distances by ice, most are definitely local. They show no signs of the typical scratches on erratics that would undoubtedly be visible, despite their hardness, had they been dragged and ground along under the ice meeting sharp flints and other rocks in the clay.

These rocks are often called “Sarsens” (a Wiltshire name) and are found throughout South East England, including much of South Suffolk. They were laid down about 55 million years ago early in the Tertiary Period, initially as sands, when this part of the UK was a shallow, tropical sea.. Geologists are now sure that they developed into sandstones formed in what are called the Woolwich and Reading Beds of the Lower Eocene epoch. Much later in the Miocene epoch, perhaps as little as 20 million years ago, these sandstones were exposed at the surface in a hot dry desert. There they were soaked in silica rich groundwater and a chemical reaction took place which cemented them to form a very hard quartz rock.

Geologists now use the name silcrete to describe it. Some of these rocks are more than 90% silica, hence their density and hardness.

It is likely that when they formed, large areas of South East England were briefly covered with this caprock which was later broken up and destroyed by weathering and erosion. The large hard broken rocks which remained were later covered and sometimes moved by the ice sheets. When they melted the stones were left under a layer of often very thick Boulder Clay in this part of Suffolk. The powerful rivers from the melting ice sheets would have cut valleys into the clay exposing the stones, and more recent rivers have continued this work. There used to be a large Sarsen stone which had been gouged from the Box river bed and raised into what was the Chequer’s water garden behind the Surgery. It has now sunk without trace.

The Reading Beds in which the sandstones originally formed are often close to the surface in the river valleys of South Suffolk, where the Boulder Clay has been removed by erosion or is very thin. They also appear in the Bulmer Brickworks quarry below the London Clay, which is used there for brickmaking. Apparently the Reading Beds also often include a clay good for tile making. It is possible that the brick kilns, which once operated north of Ellis Street in Boxford, used just such a clay from a local pit.

Often Sarsens have a yellowish or dark brown “patina” or finish on them, like that in the picture above, taken beside the Surgery entrance next to the bridge. This was formed when iron minerals were brought to the surface of the rock and left behind by evaporating water in hot, dry, desert conditions after the rocks were exposed and weathered.

The origin of the often “mamillated” surface is uncertain (same derivation as “mammary”, meaning breast-like). One possibility is that it happened during cementation and was caused by expansion during crystallisation. A highly unlikely theory is that the sandstone was originally deposited onto a pock-marked, scoured surface which moulded the lower surface of the new layer of settling sands before cementation.

This seems to be disproved by our “sheep” stone opposite the White Hart, since several faces of this rock show mamillation, not just a single face. There are also some less “mamillated” examples in Pocket Park on the bank of the river just above Stoke Bridge in Ipswich. These were excavated from the river bed in 1975 as part of the flood protection scheme.

Man has also helped expose these stones, since many pits and quarries have been dug over the past 1000 years to find chalk and gravel for agriculture and building. After removing the covering layer of Boulder Clay the quarrymen will have found these Sarsens before reaching the “older” chalk below. Near the Marlborough Downs in Wiltshire these rocks were found in large numbers and quarried, and were dragged 18 miles for the construction of some parts of Stonehenge. Sarsens were used for many of its standing stones and lintels. Clearly the Sarsen had great mystical significance.

In Hertfordshire these rocks are known as “Puddingstones”, because there they often resemble a plum pudding. There the original sandstones were formed around the edge of a very shallow sea and therefore contain many small, well-rounded, water-worn flint pebbles which were washed up onto the beach in a matrix of sand. They were later cemented into a very hard dense stone by the silica rich groundwater. Geologists call concrete-like rocks of this type “conglomerates”. Hertfordshire Puddingstone was credited in local folk law with several supernatural powers, including being a protective charm against witchcraft. Parish records from the village of Aldenham, Herts relate that in 1662 a woman suspected of having been a witch was buried with a piece of it laid on top of her coffin to prevent her from escaping after burial. In living memory a piece of Puddingstone was given to a bride and groom, possibly as a fertility symbol.

I am sure there are many stories told in Boxford about the origin of these stones and their more recent history. I hope that, by revealing the truth, I have not spoilt your favourite. Do tell me if you know of a good Sarsen or story about one.





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The Chairman of Boxford Parish Council
Invites all residents to the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

on

**Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Boxford**

(Refreshments will be served at 7.30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7.45 p.m.)

All are welcome to come along and hear updates from Village Organisations. Our special theme this year involves projects to upgrade street lighting.

Guest Speaker is Richard Webster,
Electrical Services Manager at Suffolk County Council,
will share details of how we can reduce cost and our carbon emissions by upgrading to LED
He will also provide details of the County Councils innovative project to switch off selected streetlights between midnight and 5.30a.m.

Please come along, listen and share your views with your Local Councillors and Police Representative.



Commemorative Jubilee Mugs

In order to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, mugs will be provided to each household in Boxford Parish. You do not need to apply for these mugs. However, as these will be limited to one mug per household, the Parish Council has decided to allow residents to purchase further mugs. An example of the mug is available for viewing at Boxford Post Office.

Please complete the form below and return it to Boxford Parish Council or the Post Office if you would like to order further mugs.

All households in the **Parish of Boxford** will receive one Jubilee Mug from Boxford Parish Council to mark the 60th Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

If you would like to order additional Jubilee Mugs, these will be available, while stocks last, at a cost of £5.00 each. Please fill in the order form below and return your order form to:

The Clerk (Debbie Hattrell), Boxford Parish Council, Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford CO10 5NP or Richard Gates at the Post Office

Name:	Address:
Number of Mugs @ £5.00 each	
Total to pay:	Cheques to be made out to: Boxford Parish Council and must be included with your order form.

Orders to be received by no later than Friday 20 April

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

JUBILEE ART EXHIBITION

(2nd, 3rd, & 4th June 2012)

Boxford Art Group would like to invite all artists in the Boxford, Edwardstone, & Groton area to join us in this venture. The theme is "Life In Britain", - the idea being to celebrate all aspects of our national life, (past or present,) be it people, places, events, nature, or our beautiful countryside. Further details, & entry forms from: **Sue Beven**, tel: 01787 210021, email: suebeven@talktalk.net, or **Pam Balls**, tel: 01787 210136, email: pamballsart@btinternet.com
N.B We need the "Intent to Exhibit" forms in by 1st May, so we know how many people will be taking part.....

Bob Flowerdew

Please could you note that tickets for the talk by Bob Flowerdew on May 15 are only available from me, Elizabeth Wagener Tel: 01787 210223 email elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com or from The Boxford News. This is a Ticket Only event open to members and non-members alike and tickets are selling fast!

BOXFORD COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

We are a group of volunteers providing transport for medical appointments in Boxford, Hadleigh, Sudbury or Bildeston. Information is on reception at the above surgeries. Recently a volunteer from Sudbury became available especially for Hospital appointments, so our Boxford Community Car Scheme, which only started in November, is now in need of more volunteer drivers either for local medical 'needs' or, hospital appointments.

Please ring Sue Green on 210603 if you would like to know more. Do hope you can join us, thank you.

The BOXFORD COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME is Run by Volunteers for the Community.

THE BAD COMPANIONS

The Bad Companions raised £1121.98 after expenses for their four night



performances of Crankenstein!! The show was enjoyed by nearly 200 people over those four nights and was very well received. The proceeds have at last been released and go to charities of the cast's choice. These are as follows:

Alzheimers Society • St Nicholas Hospice • Cancer Research
British Heart Foundation • Little Waldingfield Playing Fields
Little Waldingfield Church • Invicta Foundation • Macmillan
Babergh Homestart • Sudbury Newstalk • The Parish Room
On behalf of The Bad Companions I would like to thank all those people who attended and trust they approve of our choice of charities.

Martin Doman

Poo on Boxford playingfield.

Sunday 26th February we had taken our dog out for a lovely walk round Edwardstone. We came back across the playingfield to find 3 big heaps of dog poo that was very close to the childrens play area which had been left by irresponsible dog owners. As responsible dog owners we picked up all the dog poo and put it in the nearby bin. We are very worried that we might be stopped from taking our dog on the playingfield because of a few irresponsible people. So PLEASE PLEASE pick up after your dog.

Jane and Colin Martin

Waitrose Sudbury supports FOB's

Waitrose Sudbury has Friends of Boxford School as one of the charities they are supporting. There is a share of £1000 to be split between 3 charities, the box will be there for one month from today which is good as lead up to Easter so more people shopping for Easter Hols. Each time you shop you get a token regardless of the amount you spend. If we fill the container it is approx £600.

Spread the word, we are up against Acton Community Hall and a Charity supporting people with learning difficulties

Happy Shopping and hope you choose our school should you shop in waitrose this month.

REVISED BUS SERVICES OPERATING IN OUR AREA

Details of revised bus services operating in our area can be found at: http://www.suffolkonboard.com/news/bus_service_news/passenger_transport_service_changes or on 0845 606 6171.

These services will change in late March and throughout April 2012.

Please note that these pages are being frequently updated to include new timetables, these are subject to changes.

A New Community Choir for Hadleigh

Can you sing? , Would you like to sing with us?

A new community choir (male and female) for the people of Hadleigh and surrounding districts is seeking people who would like to sing with a choir and give public performances at which funds will be raised for charity and other good causes.

Our aim is to be serious about singing and performing while at the same time encouraging a friendly and supportive environment where all members can enjoy the company of like-minded people. The style of music will be popular and light and the repertoire will range across many eras.

The first meeting of the new choir will be on Wednesday 25th April at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall Dining Room (opposite the Ram pub).

Entrance will be free and is open to all adults over the age of 16 who would like to learn more about joining this new choir.

For more information call 01473 824033

or email: hads@opensecret.co.uk

DIAMOND JUBILEE BANNER

A crown, a Union jack, an orb, a rose!

Could you cut out one of these symbols in material, and decorate it to go towards a Diamond Jubilee Banner, to be displayed in our churches? We would like as many as possible from all five villages, to go towards a collage-like banner.

Templates are available in the newsagents, and Mary's House, and the churches. The emblems need to fit into a 10x10cms square, and be red, white, blue, turquoise, silver or gold, or a combination! Be as creative as you like, lots of colour and jewels, buttons, ribbon or braid. All ages can have a go – it's not about posh embroidery, 'tho that's welcome too!

Please enjoy being part of this project – it will be dedicated at the Jubilee Special service in Boxford Church on Sunday, 3rd June.

Please return finished emblems to any of the churches, or to Reverend Judith, or to Pauline Lamming, by the end of April. One piece doesn't take long! Any queries, get in touch with me. Pauline Lamming 210360

Wanted By Sunflowers Childcare

Would you have good condition soft toys or teddies that need a new home! We are looking for donations for an event that is coming up in the near future.

Please either drop off at The Cabin, Stone Street Road, Boxford or ring us on 01787 211363 as we may be able to arrange collection.

Thank you.

PLAYINGFIELD AGM

The Boxford Playingfields Management Committee Will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1st May at the Pavilion starting at 8.00 p.m

All users for the playing field facilities are invited to attend. The committee would like to hear from users of the playing fields for their views on the future for this valuable village asset.

Boxford & District Darts League 2012 AGM

At The Brewers Arms, Plostead

on April 22nd at 7.30

01787 210640 or 210441 for info

BOXFORD
GARDENING SOCIETY
April 17th from 7.30pm

Boxford Village Hall

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL!

PLANT
SALE

If you have rooted cuttings, or any garden plants that you would like to donate please bring to Boxford Village Hall between 7.30 and 4pm on the day.

PLANT DONATIONS

Please use the Fire Exit at the top of the slope, to the side of the Village Hall, so we may sort and price all the plants.



June 4th Street Party Update

Waterzorbng



Waterzorbng is just one of the attractions we have on offer on June 4th as part of our streetparty.

Other attractions already arranged include:

- Swing boats
- Gladiators
- Bouncy castles
- Wii™ Olympics

Also: Saturday 21st April ? Race Night ? 7.30 pm in Village Hall. Tickets £5 to include supper, full bar and tote (from newsagents).

Our Grand Draw Tickets will be on sale soon
1st Prize ? £500 2nd Prize ? Drive a new Audi for 48 hours & many more prizes

The Big 4 Pub Quiz will be starting on Monday 7th May (Bank Holiday) and then on each subsequent Monday until the 4th June.

Details will be publicized shortly.

Contact us - www.boxford2012.org

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'Mangrove Oasis'
Saturday 21st April
2012 from 10.30am to
1.30pm (ish)

Venue: Boxford
Village Hall
£40 per person
16 x 12 inch canvas



Edwardstone Village Hall
Saturday April 28th 2012 'Bluebell Carpet'
10am - 1pm £40 per person
20 x 8 inch canvas

If you bring a friend or partner you can BOTH receive a £5 discount.
Visit website or contact Sue for details and other classes.

Wot's On

BOXFORD WI

Hua Sands from Healthy Joints, Acupuncture and Acupressure came to talk and demonstrate to us this month. She told us how she uses a combination of Western and Chinese approaches to help relieve and prevent the recurrence of pain. Hua was very informative in pinpointing the usual causes of pains in the lower back, neck, shoulder, knees and hips. Then she demonstrated some simple exercises to alleviate and prevent these problems, and got us to try out these exercises. We all felt that Hua's talk had been very useful and we planned to continue with the ideas she had given us. Many of our members have been busy knitting small jumpers for so called 'fish and chip' babies in Africa because of the poverty and Aids that is rife in some areas. Young babies are often left with nothing and when they come to leave the hospital, where they have been born, they are wrapped in newspaper and either taken to live with relatives or to an orphanage. The craft club completed the project to make and cover small boxes which was started last month. All visitors are welcome at a cost of £3. If you would like a copy of our 2012 Programme please phone Heather on 01787 211566.

FROM MENDELSSOHN TO ELGAR

DAVID OWEN NORRIS (Broadwood pianoforte)

A programme tracing nineteenth-century piano writing from the classical Mendelssohn to Elgar at his most hot-blooded.

Sunday 22 April 2012 • 6pm • St Mary's Church, Boxford
 MENDELSSOHN Songs without Words, op. 19 (Book One)
 BRAHMS Klavierstücke (Six Piano Pieces), op.118

STERNDALÉ BENNETT The Maid of Orléans: Sonata, op.46 (after Schiller) • ELGAR Concert Allegro, op. 46

David Owen Norris has devised this special programme to suit the historic late nineteenth-century Broadwood piano at St Mary's Church in Boxford. Tickets: £17, £13 & £11 (half-price to those in full-time education) Box office: 01206 366603, box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com, www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

Louise Jameson, Administrator, Suffolk Villages Festival, 01206 366603

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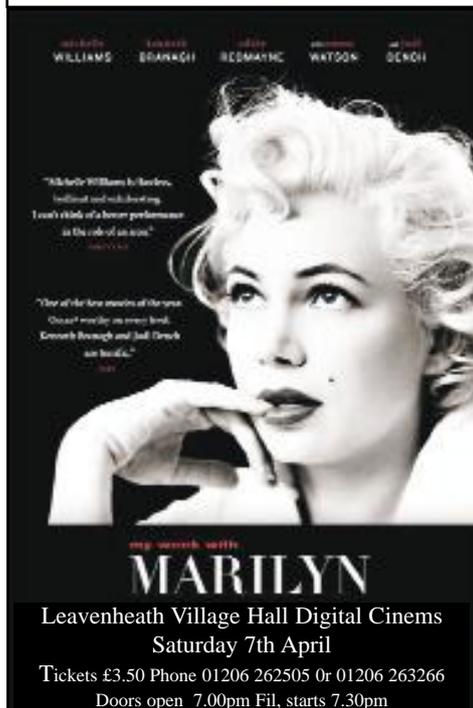


The Last Flight Home...
 Broadwood Organ Group Presents
 2 New One Act Plays
 by Elaine Horne
 WEEKENDERS
 at Boxford Village Hall
 May 10th, 11th and 12th at 7.30pm
 Thursday May 10th £5.00 (no supper) or £8.00 (with supper)
 Friday 11th and Saturday 12th £5.00 (with supper)
 Fully Licensed Bar and Raffle
 Tickets from Boxford News
 or Email: bdgtickets@btinternet.com



QUIZ AND
 CURRY
 EVENING
 At
 Groton Village Hall (Former WI Hall)
 On Friday 20th April 2012 7.30 for 8.00 Start
 £8.00 per head (entry plus choice of curry & dessert)
 Teams of four
 B.Y.O. Bar
 Raffle
 Phone Joanne: 210619 or Jayne: 211360 to book your place

Newton Green invites you to a
PARTY IN THE PARK
 Celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
Saturday 2 June 2012
Newton Green Playing Field
 (behind the Village Hall)
1pm - 5pm
 The fabulous Stowe Valley Stompers Trad Jazz Band
 Children's Races : Bouncy Castle
 Just for Fun Royal Theme Fancy Dress
 so Kings, Princesses, Frogs, Corgis, and Queen Bees -
 get your thinking crowns on now!
 Bring your picnics and tables & chairs, and join us for a happy, fun-filled
 afternoon celebrating a truly historic event!
ADMISSION FREE!
 For further information please contact the organiser, Dawn Bridge
 on 01787 374773 : email: newsletter@newtongreen.co.uk



Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinemas
Saturday 7th April
 Tickets £3.50 Phone 01206 262505 or 01206 263266
 Doors open 7.00pm Fil, starts 7.30pm

1st Boxford Scouts Open-day
 A fun day out for all the family
 Saturday
**12th May
 2012**
 Entrance Fee: £3
 £10 for families
 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Boxford Spinney



MERYL STREEP
The IRON LADY
 Polsted Digital Cinemas
 See above for details

KERSEY SCHOOL'S MAY FAYRE, BALL RUN & PLANT SALE

Sat, 12th May 2012
2-4pm

Entertainment, beer & bbq, stalls,
games, gift stands, plants,
refreshments,

Plus, BALL RUN with fantastic
prizes for the first ball into
the SPLASH

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB THE CROFT, OPPOSITE THE WHITE HART

GREEN OPEN

Sunday

22nd April 2012

at 2.30 p.m.

COME ALONG AND HAVE A TRY.

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Diamond Jubilee
weekend!



Sunday 3rd June 2012
11am - 5pm

Calling all gardeners...
WE NEED YOU!

This event is a popular one in the local
calendar, raising money to benefit St Mary's
church. If you have not opened your garden
before, please consider doing so this year. It is a
rewarding experience, as those gardeners who
already open will confirm. If you are unable to
open your garden then maybe you could help on
the day?

Please call Angela on 01787 212264 to discuss
or email me at angela@tolputt.com

EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



SATURDAY
2 JUNE
From 10 a.m.

CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST
LOCAL HISTORY PRESENTATION
FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

Tickets for Champagne Breakfast - \$6
Bookings Only
Please contact Daphne Clark on
01787 210698 for details

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Celebrating The Diamond Jubilee and The Olympics
June 2nd to June 4th 2012

The Edwardstone Champagne Breakfast Boxford Open Gardens The Great Groton Wheelbarrow Race The Big 4-Pub Quiz Historic Photograph Exhibitions Boxford Bike Club Community Ride Musicians, Singers and Actors performing all day	Children's Tea Party Children's Fancy Dress Senior Citizens' Tea Art Exhibition GeoCache Trail Boxford Wii Olympics Street Vendors Duck Race Street Entertainers Fairground Attractions
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THE GREAT Boxford RUN

05/05/2012

Starts 9:30

10km Official Race starts at 11:30am
5km Fun Run / Walk starts at 11:00am
1km Fun / Walk starts at 1:00pm

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BOXFORD 2012 DIAMOND JUBILEE PRESENTS THE VILLAGE

RACE NIGHT

ON SATURDAY 21ST
APRIL 7.30PM IN
VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS £5 (TO INCLUDE
SUPPER) FULL BAR AND TOTE
(FROM NEWSAGENTS)

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HALL

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CHORAL SOCIETY

Verdi Requiem

Sudbury Choral Society
Haverhill Choral Society

Conductors	David Butcher & Jane Wright
Soprano	Julie Roberts
Mezzo Soprano	Hannah Mason
Tenor	Ben Thapa
Bass	Mark Saberton

St Edmundsbury Cathedral
Saturday 5 May 2012
at 7:30pm

Tickets: £16 reserved
£12 unreserved

Tickets available from 20th February, from the Apex
Bar St Edmundsbury, by phone 01284 758000,
online at www.theapex.co.uk, or from
members of the Society.

Wot's On

Little Waldingfield Open Gardens

Sunday 10 June, 11am - 5pm

This year we will be opening 14 lovely gardens, with an intriguing mix of styles, for you to explore in Little Waldingfield. Admission is £5 to include a programme, obtainable from the Parish Rooms in Church Road, where there will also be refreshments, plant and produce stalls. There will be plenty of parking on our Playing Field, about 150 yards beyond the Swan Inn.

All proceeds will benefit our beautiful church. We look forward to welcoming you.

Dates for your Diary

Oct 27 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Quiz Night Parish Room 7.00pm

Boxford Over 60's Club

Meetings every fortnight on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Boxford Village Hall

For information please contact Shirley Watling 01787 210024

Groton's Quiz & Curry evening

Don't miss Groton's Quiz & Curry evening

Groton Village Hall Management Committee will be hosting its popular Quiz & Curry on Friday 20th April at 7.30pm in the village hall. With original and entertaining questions plus an irresistible selection of curries and desserts, this is an evening not to be missed. Tickets £8.00 - including a two-course meal. Please bring your own drinks, glasses will be provided. Teams of four (individuals and pairs can be accommodated, so please do come along). All funds raised will go towards the repair and maintenance of the village hall. For further details and tickets, please contact Jayne Foster on 01787 211360 or Joanna Roberts on 01787 210619.

But You Don't Look Ill

Cheerful support for hidden conditions, Thursday 8th March 1-3pm - drop in any time The Stevenson Centre, Gt Cornard, £1. Details: 07950 436584

Sudbury Dramatic Society

Sudbury Dramatic Society based at The Quay at Sudbury are presenting the very funny play "Elsie and Norm's 'Macbeth'" by John Christopher-Wood from Tuesday 8th to Saturday 12th May at 7.45pm and tickets are available from The Quay Box Office on 01787 372175.

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall.

Friday 20 April "The Iron Lady"

Friday 18 May "The Artist"

Friday 15 June "My Week with Marilyn"

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

Boxford Gardening Society

Boxford Gardens Open

Sunday 3rd June 2012, 11am-5pm

This year's Boxford Gardens Open is set to be a very special event since it takes place on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend and coincides with the visit of many friends from Boxford, Massachusetts. Please put the date in your diary and be sure to take a break from the village celebrations to visit our beautiful local gardens. Please also pray for good weather! This popular event requires a large number of volunteers to make it run smoothly, so any offers of help are always extremely welcome. In addition to existing gardens, we are also looking for new gardens to open. All money raised is used to benefit Boxford St Mary's church. Contact Angela Tolputt (212264).

EXERCISE FOR YOU -

Wednesday evenings at our local school, 7.00pm, aimed at getting stronger and improving cardiac health.

Friday mornings at Boxford Spinney, 9.15am, aimed at an older age group but with the same objectives. Call me on 01787 211822.

JUMP FOR JOY JUMBLE SALE!

Spring has sprung over the Dedham vale,

Time to grab a bargain at a jumble sale.

Visit SESAW where the prices are fair

And every penny funds the animals' welfare.

From toys to saucepans, candlesticks and books,

Something for everyone from collectors to cooks,

Come children and adults, join in the fun

On the 7th of April from 10 until 1(pm)

Entry is free at this year's first Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare Jumble Sale in Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP on Saturday 7th April between 10am and 1pm. Gazeos are at the ready and only the very worst of weather will deter the volunteers from putting on this event. Please call 01206 851339 for more information.

Boxford Drama Group

Next Production: -

The World Premier of 'The Last Flight Home' and 'Weekenders' will be performed on 10th, 11th, 12th May at Boxford Village hall. Elaine Horne has written these two one act plays and rehearsals are taking place as we very speak under her direction.

Be prepared to be enthralled by the intrigue, tension and drama of 'The last Flight Home' and entertained and titillated by the hilarious comedy of 'Weekenders'. Supper will be served on all three evenings, with an option not to eat on Thursday. These plays are not to be missed, so make sure you get your tickets which go on sale on Saturday 31st

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Boxford Community Council

AGM

24TH APRIL 2012

AT THE PAVILION

The PLAYING FIELDS,

BOXFORD

Speaker to be advised

7.30 - 8PM

St George's Night

In this Diamond Jubilee year, and on Her Majesty the Queen's 86th Birthday, Newton once again invites you to its very own version of
The Last Night of the Proms!

Saturday 21 April at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

Fish & Chips Supper
Raffle : Bar

Tickets £10

To allow us sufficient time to organise catering, please order your tickets now.
Call Dawn on 01787 374773

Proceeds to All Saints Church, Newton



Open Day

Saturday 28th April
10.00am - 2.00pm

Please come and look around to see what we can offer or just to see our lovely building and facilities.
Refreshments available.

We offer:

Breakfast Clubs

Pre-School Sessions

After-School Clubs

Holiday Clubs

We are open from 7.30am - 6.00pm during term time

(Child registered for children aged 2-12 years old)

For more information please contact us on:

Tel: 01787 211365 email: info@boxford.sunflowers.co.uk

www.horsham-sunflowers.co.uk

Wot's On

The Suffolk Villages Festival

Winter Concert Series 2011 - 2012

Artistic Director: Peter Holman

Sunday 22 April 2012, 6.00 pm, St Mary's Church, Boxford

David Owen Norris (fortepiano) From Mendelssohn to Elgar
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Songs without Words Book One, Johannes
Brahms Six Piano Pieces Op.118,
William Sterndale Bennett The Maid of Orléans: Sonata Op.46, Edward
Elgar Concert Allegro

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

PROGRAMME for first half of 2012

17th April PLANT SALE In Village Hall as usual

15th May Bob Flowerdew, Organic gardener, lecturer, television and radio personality. "No Work Gardening".

TICKET ONLY EVENT: Cost: £8 Members, £12 Non-members

Tickets available at monthly meetings or from the Events Organiser, Rosie Osborne

19th June, Away Evening by car to Shrubs Farm, Lamarsh, Bures

C08SEA. Guided tour by owner, Robert Erith

Rare trees, perfumed rose garden, Bronze Age burial urns.

Glass of wine/soft drink, light supper. Cost £12

17th July Frances Mount, Plantswoman and gardener

"Suffolk Wild Flowers"

21st August: Sally Hepher, "Colour and Interest in the Garden In Late Summer"

18th September Trevor Burlingham, "How to Improve your Digital Photography"

16th October, Sara Mattocks

20th November: Members' End of Year Party and AGM

End of Year Party £1 for members and £5 for partners. Bv pre-purchased ticket only. All Members welcome to attend AGM

All events, unless otherwise stated, take place in Boxford Village Hall on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. at a cost of £1 per person for Boxford Gardening Society Members. Members' Guests welcome to attend our normal monthly talks for £5 per guest. All tickets available from Rosie Osborne Events and Outings Organiser: Rosie Osborne 01787 211960 e-mail: rosie.osborne@btinternet.com Membership Secretary: Elizabeth Wagener 01787210223 e-mail: elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com

Nayland Jubilee Church Fete

Monday 4th June 2-4.30pm on Nayland Playing Field

Jazz Band, Stalls, Sideshows, Sports, Classic Vehicle Display

Raffle 1st prize £150.

Admission £2 Children 50p. Concessions £1 Free Car Parking

All proceeds in aid of St. James Fabric Fund

Nayland Open Gardens

Sunday 17th June 2-6pm

Homemade teas, plant stall, Tickets £5 from any garden or the Village Hall. Free car parking at the Village Hall

All proceeds towards local conservation projects.

Bob Flowerdew

Please could you note that tickets for the talk by Bob Flowerdew on May 15 are only available from me, Elizabeth Wagener Tel: 01787 210223 email elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com or from The Boxford News. This is a Ticket Only event open to members and non-members alike and tickets are selling fast!

Boxford Over 60's Club (For All Ages)

Our membership has slowly declined over the last few years and it would be a great pity if eventually we have to close through lack of support. At present we are a happy little group of about 20 members. We meet every other Monday at 2.30pm and enjoy things like Table Top games, quiz and bingo etc and occasionally we have a speaker. We have home made cakes for sale and a bring and buy table (books, Bric a Brac etc. We also include tea or coffee, biscuits and a raffle.

All for £1.50 (visitors £2.00)

April 2nd - Mark Mason - Local Author

April 16th - Lunch at the Brewers Arms

April 30th - To be announced

For Further information contact Shirley Watling 210024

An Invitation to talk about "Caffyn"

"Following my request last year for information about my great-uncle W H Caffyn and his painting I was delighted to hear from a number of people in Boxford, Kersey and Edwardstone. I would be very pleased to meet everyone who contacted me and anyone else who has any recollection of "Caffyn" and invite them to tea at Mary's House in Boxford on Wednesday 2 May between 2.30 and 4.00.

Jill Goodchild

PLAYINGFIELD AGM

The Boxford Playingfields Management Committee Will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1st May at the Pavilion starting at 8.00 p.m

All users for the playing field facilities are invited to attend. The committee would like to hear from users of the playing fields for their views on the future for this valuable village asset.

Kersey Society

Karen Kenny, the local representative on the Allotment Holders Association, is giving a talk on Vegetable Gardening on Tuesday 24 April at 8pm in Kersey Village Hall. Entrance £2 payable at the door, including coffee. Please come and join us-everyone welcome.



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Forthcoming Events Diary

April

1 Boxford Village Hall	April Fools Day	Brewers Arms	12-4pm
2 Boxford Over 60's	Mark Mason	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
3 Boxford Parish Annual Parish Meeting		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
15 Boxford Bike Club	The Boxford Tornado	Suffolk Routes	TBA
16 Boxford Over 60's	Lunch at the Brewers Arms		TBA
17 Boxford Gardening Society	Plant Sale	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
20 Quiz and Curry Evening	Groton Village Hall Mgt Committee	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
20/21 Mildens Singers		The Pavilion	8&2pm
21 Sy Georges Night	Last Night of thr Proms	Newton Village Hall	7.30pm
21 Race Night	Jubilee Committee	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
22 Suffolk Villages Festival	Winter Concert Series	Boxford St Mary's	6pm
22 Boxford and District Bowles Club	Greens Open	Bowles Club	2.30pm
24 Boxford Community Council AGM		Pavilion at Playing Field	7.30 for 8pm
28 Sunflowers Open Day			10-2pm

May

1 Playingfield AGM		The Pavilion	8.00pm
10/11/12 Boxford Drama Group	'Weekenders' & 'Last Flight	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
5 Boxford Rovers	Great Boxford Run	Playingfields	9.30am
12 1st Boxford Scouts Open Day		The Spinney, Boxford	TBA
12 Boxford Society	History of the River Stour with Mike McKeon	Boxford School Hall	7.30pm
	AGM		8.30pm
15 Boxford Gardening Society	Bob Flowerdew	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

June

2 Party in the Park	Diamond Jubilee	Newton Gn Playinfields	1-5pm
2 Champaigne Breakfast		Edwardstone Parish Hall	10am
3 Boxford Gardens Open	Boxford Gardening Society		11am-5pm
4 Little Waldingfield Jubilee Celebrations		Playing Field	Noon - Evening
10 Little Waldingfield Gardens Open	Visit Shrubs Farm		TBA
19 Boxford Gardening Society	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm
30 Quiz Night			

July

7 Boxford School Fete		Boxford School	2 till 5pm
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September

8 SHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride		Benefice Parishes	9am-5pm
29 Quiz Night		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

October

27 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm
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November

17 Festive Fair	Boxford Village Hall	Boxford Village Hall	TBA
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Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.

Benefice house:

Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ.

CHURCH AND STATE

Given how frequently it is claimed that religion is irrelevant in our modern secular society, it is ironic that the news bulletins on 16th March led with the announcement that Rowan Williams would be stepping down as Archbishop of Canterbury at the end of the year. Inevitably, coverage of Dr Williams's resignation has included speculation as to who will be his successor. No doubt the bookies will be setting their odds, but as Christians we should be praying that the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), who will be meeting in the coming months to decide on a name to recommend to the Prime Minister, will be guided by the Holy Spirit in their deliberations and eventual decision as to who now should be asked to lead the world-wide Anglican Communion.

For the present, however, it is good to acknowledge the qualities that the softly-spoken, though frequently much-maligned, Rowan Williams has displayed in seeking to hold together the many factions in the Anglican church. I served as a member of the CNC that recommended the appointment of Bishop Nigel as our diocesan bishop. During that process I met and had the opportunity to talk with Rowan Williams and was impressed with both his leadership and his humility. His short 'off-the-cuff' homilies at the two Communion services we shared were especially memorable.

Rowan's announcement came the day after the Government published its long-awaited consultation paper on same-sex civil marriage. During the 12 weeks consultation period many views will doubtless be expressed on the issues raised. No change is proposed in 'religious' marriage but an issue, not addressed in the paper, is whether marriage can be split in this way. Already, over 237,000 people have signed a petition supporting the present legal definition of marriage as the voluntary union for life of one man with one woman to the exclusion of all others, and opposing any attempt to redefine it. Whatever your view, the consultation provides an opportunity for all Christians to engage in a debate about the meaning of this basic institution of our society. The State has started the debate: we must not miss this opportunity to respond.

David Lamming

General Church News

MINISTRY TEAM MEETING: The Ministry Team meets at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Thursday 26th April 2012.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: The service this year is at 6.30 pm on Sunday 13th May at St Lawrence's Church, Great Waldingfield.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

*Ruth Kingsbury, Rose Cottage,
Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone tel.211236
Peter Patrick, Amberley,
White Street Green. tel 210346*

Thought for the Month:- Soon we'll be journeying through the emotions of Holy Week, commencing with the shouts of joy as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Then the mood turns and each evening there will be something to help us as we move towards the last supper of Maundy Thursday and relive the agonies of Good Friday. Finally, we come to that glorious resurrection of Easter Day. That hope of new life is well and truly with us now, not only in our church liturgy but in the spring time events too. Let us pray that as we encounter the mixed emotions of life, God will uphold us through the agonies of our Good Fridays and rejoice with us in our Easter Days. May we all be Easter People.

Saturday 4th April: 4.00 pm We are holding a special service where we welcome the Suffolk Guild of BellRingers. Everyone is most welcome.

BellRingers: - Our band of ringers always welcomes new members - bell ringing can be a skill enjoyed by all ages from 8-80. Please do speak to Richard Gates about becoming a bell ringer. It is great fun!

Church Choir: New choristers are always welcome. Do come along to a Friday choir practice held in church at 7.00pm

Annual Parish Church Meeting- Sunday 1st April after Evensong at 6.30pm (meeting at 7.30pm) when Churchwardens are elected & a new Parochial Church Council elected for the year ahead. News of church activities as well.

The Diamond Jubilee Weekend: 2nd - 4th June In addition to the many events & activities in the village & benefice this weekend, a special service is planned to be held 10.30am on Sunday 3rd June, in St. Mary's Parish Church, to celebrate & in thanksgiving for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen. A service of Songs of Praise will be held at 6.30pm that evening. More news next month.

The **Boxford Open Gardens** is also planned for Sunday 3rd June

PCC Secretary Needed: The Parochial Church Council is seeking a secretary to assist with the work of the council. If you feel you could spare some time please contact a churchwarden or the Revd Judith.

Volunteers & help needed: We need volunteers to help with regular church cleaning. If you could help please contact Chris Cuthbert or a churchwarden.

Coffee rota: Sunday mornings- can you help with serving coffee after church services.? Please speak to Ruth Kingsbury or the Rev'd Judith.

Fundraising Committee: Can you help by joining our fundraising group- we need ideas & enthusiastic help. Please contact a churchwarden or the Revd Judith

The Boxford Calendar: 2013 Our fundraising team will be producing a new Calender for 2013 so lots of new photos please to ChrisKingsC@aol.com

Concerts At St.Mary's Church:

The Suffolk Villages Festival Winter series of concerts are held in St.Mary's Boxford Sunday 22nd April. Full details are available in church.

Smile Lines: When a young minister was still single, he preached a sermon he entitled, "Rules for Raising Children." After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.

Copy Date for Church News section in the May 2012 Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 16TH APRIL Failure to meet the date will mean your copy may not be included

Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone

Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone

Tel: 211161

ANNUAL MEETINGS WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL 2012:

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) will be held on Wednesday 18th April 2012 at 7 p.m. in Edwardstone Church. This will be followed at 7:15 p.m. by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). At this meeting representatives will be elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the coming year. The PCC presents its report and accounts for 2011 and there is an opportunity to raise any matters of church interest. This meeting is open to anyone whose name is on the church electoral roll and all eligible people are urged to attend. Finally, the first PCC meeting of the newly elected PCC will be held following the APCM.

David Saddleton

EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL QUIZ NIGHT:

Thank you to all who came along to our Quiz Night on 10th March.

Thank you especially to committee members and helpers who provided the food, gave raffle prizes manned the bar and sold raffle tickets. Not to mention the washing up and clearing away afterwards!!!. You really are a fantastic bunch and Edwardstone is very fortunate to have you.

A special thank you to our Quiz Master, Alan, who always makes sure we all enjoy ourselves. We made £650 which will go towards some new small tables which are badly needed.

Daphne Clark

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, 2 JUNE:

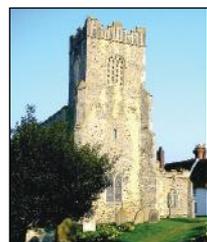
We are organising a Champagne Breakfast, with Local History Presentation (bookings only) to be followed by a Family Treasure Hunt, with special section for children, at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Saturday 2 June. Please see poster in main section of BRN.

Daphne Clark 210698

ROTA FOR APRIL 2012:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
April 1:	Mrs Paul	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	No Flowers (Lent)	Mrs Morris
April 8:	Mrs Paul	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	Easter Day	
April 15:	Mrs Paul	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul		
April 22:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton		
April 29:	Mrs Paul	Mr & Mrs Saddleton		

Daily Prayer: 9.00 a.m. every Tuesday



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

FROM THE REGISTERS – FUNERAL AND BURIAL IN THE CHURCHYARD: 6 March 2012 – Iris Lillian Mary Gooday, aged 78 years.

LENT LUNCH: All are welcome to a Lent Lunch at Anthea Scriven's home, Malting Lodge, Groton, 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm on Tuesday 27th March 2012.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: A reminder that the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) is on Wednesday 28th March at 7.30 pm in Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton. It will be followed at 7.40 pm by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM") when representatives are elected to serve on the PCC for the coming year. The PCC will present its report and accounts for 2011 and there is an opportunity to raise any matter of parochial or general church interest. Anyone whose name is on the church electoral roll is entitled to attend and vote. Do come to this important meeting in the life of the church and have your say.

PCC MEETING: Wednesday 28th March in Groton Village Hall, immediately following the APCM (to appoint PCC officers and elect the standing committee for 2012-2013).

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: Do join us for this special service on Easter morning: 6.10 am on Sunday 8th April 2012 at the War Memorial triangle, followed by breakfast in the church.

LET'S END POVERTY: Christian Aid works to bring an end to poverty around the world – tackling its root causes as well as its effects and helping people of all faiths and none. Christian Aid's main fundraising effort takes place in Christian Aid Week, which this year is from 13th to 19th May. Volunteers to help with the house-to-house collection in Groton, which last year raised £443, are always welcome: please contact *David Lamming* on 01787 210360.

ROTA:

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Foster/ Ms Edwards

Cleaning: Ms Edwards

Flowers: Festival Arrangements



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

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ROTA:

	Sidesman	Flowers
April 1:	Mr Squirrel	No Flowers - Lent
April 8:	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Mrs Harbord
April 15:	Mr Bowden	Mrs Roser
April 22:	Visiting	Mrs Ewen
April 29:	Visiting	Mrs Squirrel



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton,

Tel: 370331

Family Service: On the 26th February, our service for people of all ages had as its theme the Baptism of Jesus.

To illustrate baptism and its meaning, The Rev. Judith invited the children to the Font. In the absence of a real baby, a modern doll belonging to one of the children and a 73 year old doll were used as substitutes. A small bottle containing water from the River Jordan was brought to the service but it was actually Newton's own water supply which was used. A spot of oil placed on the forehead of the eldest child and a baptism candle held up, gave us the feeling of being involved in a baptism service.

The congregation, with ages ranging from nearly 3 to nearly 93 years old sang along with the organ, guitar and 'have a go' percussion instruments. We sang "Happy Birthday" as we celebrated this special first birthday of the Family Service with Rev. Judith. There was a lively end to the celebration, with the children doing paper activities and everyone enjoying cakes, refreshments and chatting.

It was great that our Family Service really was a service for all ages and included people coming from other parishes, as far afield as London and the Isle of Wight.

Thank you to all who came to make the service special and to all the helpers.

Date for your diary:

Updated details for: 'The Great Newton Green Wine Quiz' on Saturday 19th May 2012 at 7.30 at Newton Village Hall.

Teams of 6 at £10 per head.

Bread, cheese and pate provided and six bottles per team, too!

Raffle - all proceeds to All Saints' Church, Newton.

For tickets, details or help making up a team

Tel: 01787 882615 or 01787 375150

Rota:

Flowers: Mrs Chris Cornell, Mrs Jean Green and Helpers

Cleaning: Mrs Lisa Robertson

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship April 2012

Sunday 1st Lt Waldingfield Edwardstone Boxford	Palm Sunday 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Morning Prayer 11.00 All-age Service 18.30 Evensong	(R) Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 4th	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	Antony Dodd
Maundy Thursday 5th Groton Lt Waldingfield	19.30 Holy Communion & Stripping the altar 19.00 Holy Communion*	Revd Judith Tim Harbord
Good Friday 6th Lt Waldingfield Boxford	9.30 Family Service (with hot cross buns) 14.00 Reflections at the foot of the Cross	Revd Judith The Revd David Abel
Easter Sunday 8th Groton Newton Edwardstone Lt Waldingfield Boxford	6.10 Easter Sunrise open-air service at the War Memorial triangle with Family Communion 9.30 Family Communion 9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Family Communion 11.00 Family Communion	Revd Judith Revd Judith The Revd Alison Craven The Revd David Abel Revd Judith
Wednesday 11th Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Thursday 12th Lt Waldingfield	19.00 Compline, Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord
Saturday 14th Boxford	16.00 Evensong (With The Suffolk Guild of Bellringers)	Christopher Kingsbury
Sunday 15th Edwardstone Lt Waldingfield Boxford	2nd of Easter 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Holy Communion	(W) Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith
Wednesday 18th Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
Sunday 22nd Boxford Groton Newton Boxford	3rd of Easter 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Family Service 11.00 Matins	(W) Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 25th Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion in Mary's House	Revd Judith
Sunday 29th Edwardstone	4th of Easter 4.00pm (note new time) Five Villages Service	(W) Revd Judith
Daily Prayer Tuesday	A 30 minute informal said service with Revd Judith 9.00 Edwardstone 17.00 Little Waldingfield	All are welcome
Wednesday	9.00 Groton	
Thursday	9.00 Newton 17.00 Boxford	



Soap Box

News that a hosepipe ban is imminent in our corner of this green and pleasant land was not exactly welcome in our household. Having just planted a long hedge, and with some newly seeded lawn to nurture, the thought of having to cart watering cans by the dozen down our garden does not fill me with enthusiasm. For once I shall be looking forward to a damp spring and perhaps even a soggy summer.

We are fortunate in this country in that we have, by and large, an adequate supply of water. Unfortunately, not all of it is in the right place. Scotland, with its higher rainfall and mountain streams, has it in abundance, but has a population a tenth that of England. Here in East Anglia, where agriculture is such an important part of the local economy, our rainfall is the lowest in the country and our ability to store water limited.

In fact we are still well served by water supplies, even if the task of moving water around the country efficiently and in a cost effective manner has eluded water engineers thus far. Other countries have far greater problems. China, in particular, has multiplied its use of this precious commodity many times as industrialization changes the nature of its economy. Finding enough of it is proving a hard task.

Amongst one of the oddest conspiracy theories I have heard expounded recently is that NATO – and in particular French – support for the Libyan rebels was based more around the availability of vast water stocks in underground natural reservoirs than a desire to protect a valuable and convenient source of oil. Whether or not this is true, I have certainly read on a number of occasions that wars are likely to be fought over the access to water resources in the future.

In Africa, which many investment professionals view as the most exciting continent for the next few decades, water will play an ever more important part in how their resource rich economies develop in the future. Chinese engineers are to be found in many of the more stable East African states as they endeavour to establish supplies of essential commodities to feed their growing and hungry industries. The availability of water will be in their minds too.

So perhaps I should not become too exercised by the prospect of having to water by hand those precious plants that one day will hopefully enhance the beauty of our garden. At least I have a well, though in dry

summers in the past, this has proved an inadequate source of water. At least I am not expecting to enter into conflict with my neighbours over access to water. The same is not true for all of this world we live in, though.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

Choice of Rural High School at Stoke By Nayland

The overwhelming majority of us will be happy to know that the bid to have the choice of a local rural high school was submitted to the Department for Education on 24 February 2012. Although the bid has been submitted, this does not mean it is too late to register your support for the Stoke by Nayland Free School. This can be done by completing the Registration Form at www.stokebynaylandfreeschool.org.uk. This does not commit you to sending your children to Stoke by Nayland Free School - it just shows you are likely to choose the School. Please note that registers of support completed in previous years do not count; this is a new bid and therefore new registrations are required.

What are the benefits of a Free School at Stoke by Nayland?

- It will give parents a choice of school for their children to attend from 11 - 16.
- It will attract new capital funding to South Suffolk for education that would otherwise go to another part of the country.
- It will create a manageable sized rural school of around 540 pupils. A school where every child is known.
- It will create jobs in the school and in associated businesses and services.
- It will alleviate the pressure on existing schools which will need to expand by 50%, and enable them to run a more focused and manageable building programme, once any new capital funding comes on stream.
- It is an opportunity to develop a community hub for the local rural area and give a home for many other activities and opportunities.
- It will support the village communities by attracting families to the area.

Our intention would be to open the school in September 2013. Initial plans would be to start with provision for school year groups 7, 8 and 9. At the end of the school year, the oldest year group will move up (i.e. year 9 would become year 10) and we will admit another group of children in year 7 until we eventually have a full quota of 5 year groups.

Like Academies, Free Schools and therefore Stoke by Nayland Free School, will be bound by the same Admissions Code that governs all publicly funded schools. It will need to have a fair and transparent admission policy, and will need to provide places for pupils of different abilities.

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GARDENING IN APRIL HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Now is the right time to prune Autumn flowering Ceonothus. Varieties like Burkwoodii, Autumnal Blue and Gloire Versailles should be cut back hard and they will then produce new shoots which will grow on all summer and the flowers will appear on the ends of them in the autumn. If they are pruned earlier than this there is always a danger that young, new tender shoots may be damaged by late frosts. Do not prune the early flowering ones - those that flower in May and June - until flowering has finished. Lavender of the dwarf Hidcote and Munstead varieties can be cut down to two or three inches from ground level as these varieties will shoot from ground level. Care must be taken with other varieties, as if cut back to hard leafless stems they may well fail to produce new shoots.

Other plants that will appreciate a trim as they are beginning to grow again are sage, Phlomis, Santolina, Phygelius and Penstemons.

Lawns should be mown every week from now on but don't be tempted to cut too low just yet. 1.5" is low enough at first, lower the cut by .5" at each successive mowing to .75". Vary the direction of the cut each time. Use a light roller to firm newly seeded lawns and to roll any small stones into the ground to avoid damage to the mowers blades. It is seldom necessary to roll established lawns, over use of the roller only compacts the surface, keeping out air and water.

Camelias are well budged up now and nothing will cause the buds to turn brown, shrivel up and drop off quicker than dryness at the roots. Keep them moist at all times especially those grown in containers or those planted up against a brick wall.

If you have the time, it is useful to remove faded flowers from daffodils, narcissus and Tulips to prevent them wasting energy producing seed. Small bulbs like snowdrops, crocus, scillas, chinodozas and muscaris should have their seed pods left on to allow the seed to fall and produce more plants.

Divide old clumps of michaelmas daisies, much finer flowers healthier growth come from young plants selected from the out of the clump, after lifting the clump always dig the ground deeply working in plenty of moisture holding material. This will prevent mildew which michaelmas daisies are prone to. Dust whole area with two ounces per square yard of a fertiliser which is low in nitrogen and high in phosphates and potash.

Rambler roses need feeding and mulching with manure encourage the production of new non flowering stems to replace old stems in the

autumn. Do remember to water newly planted trees and shrubs. More plants are lost in April through lack of water than for any other reason. Keep the Dutch hoe going between plants to control annual weeds. The hoeing action aerates the soil and encourages plants to grow as well as retaining moisture.

Beware late frosts and keep vulnerable plants and new shoots protected at night if frost is forecast. Don't be tempted to put out tender bedding until much later on in the month and even then be prepared to cover it if necessary.

Deadhead daffodils and narcissi, give them a liquid feed or sprinkling of bonemeal and then let them die down. Don't cut off the leaves as they are necessary to replenish the bulb for next year. Keep deadheading spring bedding to keep it looking neat and encourage new flowers.

Carry on removing moss and weeds from paths, terraces and drives.

Make new beds and borders - mark the shape with sand trickled from a bottle, remove the top layer of growing vegetation and dig the ground over, incorporating as much organic matter as possible. If you are making a bed in the lawn, remove the turf - if you dig it in the buried grass will regrow and regrow and regrow and...

Clean and repair your garden tools, book the lawn mower in for a service and check garden furniture for any rot. When it is warm enough, treat sheds, fences and trellis with wood preservative; brushes and rollers are fine for most things, however a sprayer is well worth buying for tricky projects such as woven panels!

Now is the time to WAGE WAR on slugs and snails. They love tulips and delicacies such as the delicious young shoots of delphiniums and the like, so use pet-friendly slug pellets, drench the ground around hostas with liquid slug killer to exterminate slugs below the surface. Keep an eye out for snails and pick them off - what you do with them is up to you. Birds are your friends here - flat stones artfully located are useful accessories for birds to practise their snail bashing techniques.

Check your rhubarb; harvest it if it has grown, or if like mine it is still in its infancy, keep the forcer on. To encourage faster growth, cover the forcer with horse manure; the heat will produce even more dramatic results as it rots down - and don't forget that slugs enjoy forced rhubarb just as much as we do, so be vigilant!

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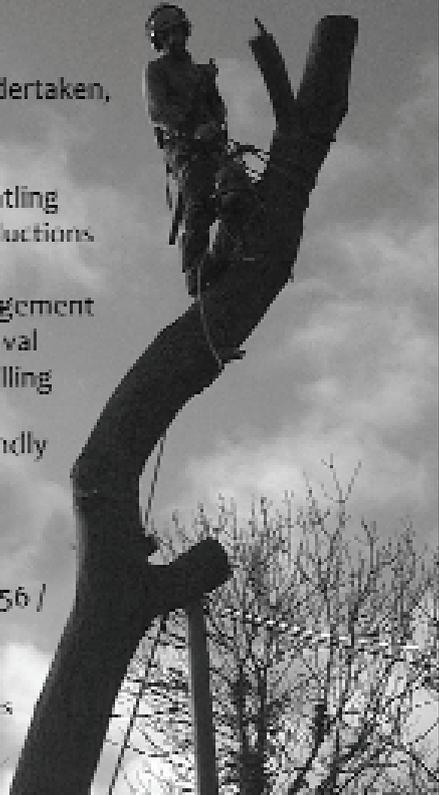
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Parish Council Matters

Draft Minutes of a meeting of the Newton Parish Council Wednesday 22nd February

Present: Councillors Roy Gardner (Chairman), Lee Parker, Paul Presland, Rita Schwenk, Philip Taylor and Alan Vince.

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk) and 3 members of public.

Election of Chairman:

Vice Chairman Roy Gardner took the chair for this item. The councillors resolved to elect Cllr Gardner as Chairman of Newton Parish Council who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office accordingly. The councillors resolved that the Clerk write to Colin Poole thanking him for his services to NPC both as a councillor and Chairman.

Apologies for Absence: None received.

Declaration of Interests: No interests were declared.

Vice Chairman: The councillors resolved that Cllr Presland be elected as Vice Chairman.

Councillor Vacancy: The councillors resolved the following process for co-opting a new member should the electors of Newton not call for a bye election.

- 23rd February - advertise on Notice Board and in Newsletter that NPC is seeking applications for the position of councillor. Applications to be received by 7th March and NPC to consider at meeting on 14th March
- Include applications in meeting pack for the meeting on 15th March
- Ask applicant(s) to attend meeting on 14th March to discuss position with councillors
- After discussion the councillors will decide which candidate, if any, to co-opt as an NPC councillor.

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th January 2012

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: Mr & Mrs Bridge and Mrs Langley took part in the discussion about the plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations (Item 12/028).

Planning: No planning applications had been received since notice was posted.

Newton Survey: The councillors reviewed the detailed summary of responses from the Newton Survey along with Colin Poole's analysis of the key results as published in January's Around the Green. The councillors identified the following areas for further review with an action plan to be agreed at the March meeting:

- Housing
- Layby on A134
- Playing field
- Recycling
- Village Cinema
- Youth engagement
- A134 Safe Haven.

The Clerk was requested to arrange for Suffolk ACRE to outline the Local Housing Needs process and to get further information on Polstead's village cinema.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations: The councillors reviewed the position regarding the budget for the events which NPC is prepared to fund and resolved that the original budget of £2,500 still stood. The Newton Green Trust representatives' updated councillors that the Trust were prepared to part finance the events but a final decision on the amount is still awaited. The councillors then reviewed the plans for the two events on the 2nd and 4th June and the latest status is contained in Appendix A. The councillors agreed to review progress at the March meeting.

Question to Chairman: No questions were raised.

Next NPC Meeting:

the next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th March 2012. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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THREE PARISH RESPONSE (3PR)

At a recent Community Council meeting I gave a report of the working of the 3PR in Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton. A suggestion was made that I put this report in the Box River News so that anybody who sees us about the village and have had a call from us know how we are set up. Basically 3PR is one of some 57 Community First Responder groups operating in Suffolk with approx. 550 volunteers. Each group is broken down into a manageable area and the responders are all local volunteers living within that area, our area is Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton (Hence three parish response). The group was set up just over 10 years ago.

We currently have 12 responders in our unit and these responders give whatever time they can spare to be able to turn out for a call. We run a rota system with three shifts per 24 hours ie. 0800 to 1400, 1400 to 2000 and 2000 to 0800 the next day. Currently we are covering in excess of 90% of these shift.

Responder Groups are voluntarily attached to The East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust. As such we are controlled from Headquarters Emergency Operations Centre (HEOC). This is situated in Norwich and covers Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

At HEOC there is a control room which has a Call Handler for each county and a Despatcher for each county. In addition to this is a responder desk which monitors all incoming calls.

When a 999 call is placed the Call handler answers and immediately has the caller's address and phone number on screen, he verifies that with the caller and then enquires as to the emergency. In the system is a series of questions that pop up on the screen and the call handler assures the caller that help is on the way. He then goes through the list of questions that will tell the Ambulance crew what to expect and that is transmitted to the Ambulance as it drives to the scene. At the same time as the call comes in the Despatcher will despatch the nearest available Ambulance to the scene.

Also at the same time the Responder Desk monitors every call and if the emergency is suitable for a Responder, will first send a text to alert the nearest Responder of an emergency with details and address, and then, call the Responder on the unit's mobile and ask he or she to attend. We have to obey local traffic laws and cannot display flashing lights or exceed speed limits.

Our main aim is to be able to reach anyone within our area within six minutes drive polygon (in any direction) and to deal with any life threatening situation. We carry a de-fibrillator, Oxygen and first aid kit and are all trained in their use. Usually we are first on scene (Community First Responder). As soon as the Ambulance or Fast Response Vehicle (Paramedic) arrive we can hand over to them and remain to assist.

At the moment the Trust have restricted us to Basic Life Support situations but as 'Community' Responders we feel we should be able to respond to any situation within the three village area when an ambulance is called. We have ongoing discussions with the powers that be.

We are perfectly willing to come and demonstrate our skills to any village organisation or give a talk about our work. If anyone feels they would like to join us you would be most welcome. We can provide excellent training from the professionals and monthly ongoing training from our Community Partnership Training Officer. For more details please contact Peter on 210819 or Vic on 210504.

Peter Hibben - Co-Ordinator.

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Parish Council Matters

Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 21 February 2012

Present: B Tora, M Ewen, V Flute, R Ridgeon, R Williams, C Hamblett, D Kiddy, Cllr. F Lawrenson, 1 member of the public

Apologies: Cllr J Antill

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report/Speedwatch: A report covering the period December to February was received – there have been 3 vehicle related crimes, 2 in December and 1 in February.

Minutes of the last Meeting: These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: The owners of the straying dog were made aware of the problem and no further problems have been reported. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting has been changed to 15 May, and the meeting arranged for 3 July to 26 June.

Financial Matters: The following cheques were signed:
Babergh DC – bin emptying and election costs, Suffolk CC – street lighting and maintenance, M Thorogood – clerk's salary and postage/stationery costs and HMRC in respect of income tax.

Planning Matters: Between meetings plans for an extension at Slough Hall were circulated for Councillor's comments and no objections were raised.

Correspondence: None.

Telephone box: Responsibility for the electricity supply is still being investigated by M Ewen who has been given another contact telephone number.

Village website: Visits have doubled since delivery of the village newsletter, we have also had a couple of posts.

Public Transport: GoStart are investigating the provision of a service from Lavenham and including Little Waldingfield on the route. There are 2 community car schemes available to village senior citizens.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: The 2 designs for jubilee mugs were discussed and the 'Windsor' china mug ref.47280 was the preferred choice. They will be sold for £4.50 each providing the quote remains as given.

Footpaths: The footpath clearance has not taken place due to a combination of injury, unavailability and the weather. It is hoped that this can be done as part of the litterpick on 17 March. Guidance will be sought from Suffolk CC re the difficulties of walking the footpath across Park Farm as there is no separation of the alpacas and horses from walkers.

Newsletter: A report will be submitted.

Churchyard: A suggestion for a tree to replace that lost from the verge in front of the churchyard will be forwarded to Suffolk CC.

Any Other Business: Cllr Lawrenson gave a brief overview of Babergh DC business – a review of the management of Sudbury carparks is underway and there may be \$106 monies available to improve traffic management by Great Waldingfield school. Possible improvements to broadband provision were discussed.

Residents have reported unauthorised removal of grit from the bin at Wade Crescent. This grit is for use on pavements/roads only, not resident's paths. V Flute thanked all those who assisted with snow clearance and gritting of pavements and the delivery of the broadband survey. There may be archaeological surveys carried out in the village during 2013 if funding remains available. The responsibilities of the Parish Council with regard to parochial charities were discussed and further action may be necessary. Date of next meeting is 27 March

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in January 2012

Meeting on 3rd January

Finance: In addition to the usual business, members agreed a donation of £1500 towards the fabric of the Church.

Community Speed Watch: It was agreed to seek a coordinator from the volunteers to take matters forward. The Parish Council was also to check whether Groton and Edwardstone Parish Councils would like to get involved.

Reports from Members: Cllr Norman and Cllr Gates agreed to represent the Parish Council at the Goodlands Planning Site Meeting.

Planning: Babergh Council confirmed Planning permission had been refused for the link extension between the barn and dwelling at Kemball House, 22 Broad Street.

The Parish Council had no objections to the proposed side extension at Roylands, Calais Street.

Parish Council Meeting on 16th January

Public Forum: Seven members of the public attended to voice concerns regarding the change of use and development at Thatch End, Stone Street. The applicant was also present to answer any questions. Concerns expressed included fear of noise from barking dogs, the proximity to Listed Buildings, the appearance in a medieval hamlet, light pollution, potential attempt to gain permission for a permanent dwelling and additional traffic generation. The applicant explained how he runs his business and the importance to train the dogs not to bark. He did accept his proposed screening would take time to establish and he explained he was receptive to suggestions to enable his venture to remain successful.

Police Report: PCSO Jamie Fudge was unable to attend, however, had provided a report showing one crime recorded between 19th December and 13th January. This compared to four crimes for the same period last year. It involved burglary at the Scout site on Fen Street. Nothing was taken.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch attended and reported on his meeting with the Highways Development Engineer to take forward concerns regarding the expected traffic increase due to the Goodlands proposal. He was advised that the Highways recommendations in relation to the 2002 Local Plan did take into consideration the further planned development at Partridge Close and Homefield. They did not feel in reality they could sustain an objection on highways terms. On other business Cllr. Finch encouraged everyone to complete the on-line survey to support the campaign for faster broadband on <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband>.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present to deliver his report and advised it was unlikely short term parking charges would be introduced in Sudbury and Hadleigh. However, the Babergh Council element of County Tax was likely to rise by around 3.5%. He was to investigate the issue of road sweeping in Boxford Parish. Concluding, Cllr Hurren handed out brochures from the Quay Theatre and encouraged everyone to support our local theatre where possible.

Housing Needs: Work continues to identify all possible sites available to potentially address the housing need identified in the recent Housing Needs Survey. Thereafter suitability factors will lead to preferred locations to take forward to public consultation.

Verge at the entrance to The Causeway: Consideration is being given to a flower bed central in the greensward with low lying shrubs and flowers.

Finance: The Clerk shared the third quarter budget review showing income at 97% and overall expenditure at 53% at this ? point in the financial year. Various Invoices were still awaited from the District and County Councils.

Reports from Members: Cllr Gates reported on the sad death of the Post Master.

Planning: The proposed change of use of existing stables to dog kennels and training ground at Thatch End, Stone Street was discussed. Whilst the Parish Council did not object to the change of use they did express major reservations in relation to the proposed mobile home.

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

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Dear Broad Street Resident,

Some of you will have read and heard of developing plans to celebrate HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, also Olympic Year in London. The three villages of Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton are using the weekend 2nd- 4th June as the focal point of local celebrations with a champagne breakfast in Edward stone Village Hall on the 2nd June, Boxford Open Gardens on the 3rd June and a street party in Boxford on 4th June.

As chairman of the coordinating group I am writing to let you know, well in advance, that the street party is planned to be held in Broad Street, as has become traditional in the village for major national celebrations, the last one being Golden Jubilee in 2002. We have applied for Broad Street to be closed to through traffic and for parking on the 4th June, from the Swan Street Junction to Ash Street, to allow a stage and stalls to be erected and various entertaining events to take place- music, dancing, drama etc. In order to make all the preparations, we will be asking residents to move their cars on the night before (3rd June) and we will be letting you know the easiest alternative parking.

Inevitably it will be a noisy day and you will feel the brunt of the disruption for which we apologise but hope you will understand the importance of the three villages celebrating such a significant national milestone in the appropriate style. We will keep you informed through the Box River News as the programme is finalised. Do please telephone me if you have any questions. telephone: 01787211926 email: d.burden379@btinternet.com

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Boxford School News

It was with great sadness that we heard the news that Peter Lowe, former Headteacher, Grandparent and friend of the school who passed away earlier this week. Peter was in school recently talking to our children about the history of our school and the many memories he had of working here. I know that the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to him. It was during Peter's time that the buildings were extended and it was his dedication and determination that led to the fantastic facilities we have today not least the beautifully designed grounds and our wonderful main hall. My own personal memories of Peter are many including my first visit following my appointment when he spent a long afternoon taking me through the running of the school including lots of advice as to how to be a successful head. One of my overriding memories is his description of why he had been at Boxford for over twenty years. He simply said when you drive into school each morning take the time to look left and then right across the landscape and you will see why I have been here so long. I quickly realised what he meant. Since then I have had the pleasure to meet Peter on many occasions as he dropped off and collected his Grandson, Ben, and I always looked forward to our discussions and hearing his memories of the time he spent as Headteacher. We will all miss him greatly.

Last week we had the annual FOBS Quiz and as always it was a great evening. Stephanie and Ian Atkins set an excellent set of questions and as usual they were well balanced and gave everyone a chance.

The winners of the Fob's Quiz were:

First: Special Cuddles

Second: Tracey and the Beakers

Third: The Governors

my own team, 'The Governors' coming a creditable third.

My thanks to Stephanie and Ian and to Tracey and her team from FOBS for putting together such an enjoyable evening.

As you will, I am sure, agree the success of the teaching profession is dependent on a constant stream of new and ambitious teachers joining the profession and Boxford School recently had the pleasure of hosting interviews for newly qualified teachers looking for a job in Suffolk. With two other local Head teachers it was a real pleasure to interview five prospective candidates. We were all hugely impressed with the quality of the applicants and their dedication and enthusiasm for teaching as a profession. It is good to know that despite all of the pressures on our profession that there are still so many young people keen to join us. In my opinion the future of education is in good hands and we can look forward to a bright and successful future.

Finally it was with some dismay that yet again Michael Wilshaw, the

new OFSTED Chief Inspector of Schools, was running down the teaching profession announcing that it was a disgrace that one in five children in this country do not reach national averages by the end of their primary education. His solution is greater and tougher inspection and making tests more difficult! We all strive so hard to do our very best for every child and it is so demoralising for us to have to put up with this constant negative press. How about announcing that four out of five or 80% of children DO reach national averages and that we (OFSTED) are going to support schools and teachers to help them cater for those children who need extra support in their learning. We feel that pupils respond best to positive praise rather than negative criticism and surprisingly enough teachers feel the same.

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YOUR LOCAL CRICKET CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Believe it or not but the new cricket season is only a few months away! as our first league game is at the earlier date of the 22nd April. after last years relegation from division 1 to division 2 we are looking forward to more "relaxed" games of cricket compared to the last. But we are in need of more Adult players to join our ranks. we have a range of different games over than league matchs this year with a few saturday fixtures and with the

Wenesday night, "Twenty, Twenty Games" there is a little bit for everyone to get involved with. so if you are interested please either drop us a line or email!

Results of our 200 club:

November Draw 2011

1st £30 prize: A.Colcomb • 2nd £15 prize: E.Croome
3rd £10 prize: Mr Rush

Christmas/December Draw 2011

1st £60 prize: K Smy • 2nd £15 prize: R Gooderham
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January Draw 2012

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3rd £10 Prize: Rob Whymark

Febuary Draw 2012

1st £30 Prize: G Whymark • 2nd £15 Prize: A Robinson
3rd £10 Prize: N Spong

REVOLVING DOOR CAPTAINS

Captaincy at Newton Green Golf Club has taken on a revolving door atmosphere for Lavenham couple Alan and Di Cunningham.

At the club's annual dinner dance held at the AFC Sudbury banqueting suit, retiring club captain Alan presented a bouquet to his wife Di for her support over the year, only a few days after she took on the role as captain of the women's section for the coming year.

NEWTON'S OLD GET BOLD

A group of senior golfers are looking to swell their numbers and mark more than 30 years association with Newton Green Golf Club.

The Old and Bold gents' section at the club is celebrating the landmark with an open day on Monday, April 2, and invite both members of their own club and potential new members from outside to join the event.

The only restriction on those joining the section is being over the age of 55. They meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for nine or 18 holes of golf, and also stage regular social activities.

For the open day there will be no green fees for visitors and a free lunch. All participants are invited to meet for coffee at 8.45 am and play nine holes in a Texas scramble format.

Anyone interested who should contact the club or section organiser Geoff Kistner on 01473-658143.

NEW CAPTAIN AT NEWTON GREEN

Dave Lavelle put his tee shot more than 230 yards down the fairway in his captain's drive-in day at Newton Green Golf Club. His shot down the first paved the way for a Stableford competition featuring 80 players.

Before teeing off, the new men's captain had witnessed retiring captain Alan Cunningham sinking his final putt on the 18th green.

During the later presentations, an auction raised more than £400 to be divided between Dave Lavelle's chosen charity for the year, Macmillan Cancer Support, and a fund to provide golf coaching in local schools.



Dave Lavelle drives off as captain at Newton Green.

GREG HILLS IS OFF TO THE STATES



Above: The U10s and U14s make a presentation to Greg Hills

"Boxford Rovers Adult player Greg Hills recently completed his FA Level 2 qualification. Greg has also been helping to coach a number of the Boxford Rovers Youth sides including the U9s, U10s, U14s and U15s.

Greg is now off to the USA for nine months to take up a kids Soccer coaching post in Virginia and Maryland. There he will be coaching kids from 2 - 18 years as part of the UK Elite Soccer Camps.

As a thank you for his involvement with the youngsters he was presented with a Boxford Rovers Youth sweatshirt to take across to the US with him."

GIANT KILLING PATH TO FINAL

As a postscript to last month's sporting news, Boxford Rovers Under 14s ran out as 3-0 winners against Ransomes in their Cup semi-final. Despite Ransomes being placed two divisions above Rovers, second half goals from Armitage, Philbidge and Lavender saw our boys through to the final where they will meet either St John's or Felixstowe & Walton who sit first and second respectively in the top division of the South Suffolk Youth League. The match will take place on 28th April at Ransomes Sports Club in Ipswich. The Club have received a number of messages from Clubs throughout the League congratulating them on their giant killing road to the final.

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